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Application No. 10/784,102

REMARKS

These remarks are in response to the Office Action dated July 30, 2007, which has a shortened statutory period for response set to expire October 30, 2007. A one-month extension, to expire November 30, 2007, is requested in a petition filed herewith.

Claims

Claims 1-48 are pending in the above-identified application. Claims 1-48 are rejected over prior art. Claims 1, 9, 27, 38, 39, and 41 are amended, and Claims 2-8, 10-26, 28-37, 40, and 42-48 remain as originally filed or previously presented. Reconsideration is requested.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claim 41 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's careful examination of this application. Claim 41 is amended herein to depend from Claim 40 as suggested by the Examiner.

In view of the amendment, Applicants request withdrawal of the rejection.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102 and §103

Claims 1-28, 30-41, and 46-48 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 (e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 7,009,654 (Kuno et al.). Claims 29 and 42-45 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Kuno et al. in view of U.S. Published Application 2004/0012698 (Suda et al.).

The claims are amended herein according to an agreement reached in an Examiner interview summarized below. As a result, all current prior art rejections are now moot. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of all current rejections.

Examiner Interview:

A telephone interview was held on November 1, 2007. The participants in the interview included Examiner Dillon Durnford-Geszvain, Supervisory Patent Examiner Lin Ye, and Applicants' attorney Larry E. Henneman, Jr..

The propriety of the current rejections were discussed. Mr. Henneman pointed out that Claim 1 recites "a molding formed on the integrated circuit chip" and Kuno et al. discloses

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assembling a camera module from previously formed components. Examiner Durnford-Geszvain indicated that he was interpreting the phrase "formed on" to include attaching a preformed component. Mr. Henneman objected to that interpretation, but suggested changing the word "formed" to "made," in order to obviate the disagreement. All parties agreed that changing the word "formed" to "made" would overcome the rejection over Kuno et al.. Mr. Henneman agreed to so amend Claim 1.

Mr. Henneman further argued that original Claim 17 was distinguishable over Kuno et al., because Claim 17 recites "molding a receptacle over an integrated circuit." All parties agreed that Claim 17 was allowable over the prior art of record.

Mr. Henneman agreed to amend the other independent claims to include language consistent with the "made on" language of Claim 1 or the "molding" language of Claim 17.

In view of the allowability of original Claim 17 over the prior art of record, Examiner Durnford-Geszvain further agreed to withdraw the finality of the current office action. Examiner Durnford-Geszvain will conduct an updated search and, if no more relevant references are found, allow the pending claims with the agreed upon amendments. If more relevant prior art is discovered, he will issue a new non-final office action.

Conclusion:

Applicants acknowledge and appreciate the constructive assistance and spirit of cooperation of the Examiner. Applicants believe that Claims 1-48 are now in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner undertake any action other than allowance of Claims 1-48, or if the Examiner has any questions or further suggestions for expediting the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' attorney at (269) 279-8820.

Respectfully submitted,

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